



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
for Children 3-years-old  
through 5th-grade!

**Thank you** to all of the children, families, and volunteers who made last week's Christmas Pageant so wonderful! Special thanks to Lyndee Jones for taking on the task of directing the pageant, and to Donna Elmquist and Mari Eklund for organizing the reception which followed. It was a happy birthday for Jesus!

**This week**, our Bible story is "The Boy at the Temple" from Luke 2:41-52. Jesus' parents thought he was lost, but he "was in the Father's house the whole time!"

**Next week** our lesson will be "The Baptism of Jesus" from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Do you know the story of the day you were baptized? Also next week, Penny Erickson and Cheri Mitstifer will be in the kindergarten classroom sharing "The Lord's Prayer" with the children.

**Sunday School ends at 10:30!** Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with friends before picking up your children.

Please call Donna at (520) 603-2399 or Mari at (520) 870-1772 if you have questions or wish to volunteer.



Southern Arizona Via de Cristo is sponsoring a night at the Gaslight on **Friday, February 1st**. The show will be "The Belle of Tombstone." Show time is 6pm with doors opening at 5:15pm. Tickets will be available on the patio on the weekends of January 5/6

and 12/13. Ticket prices are \$25.00. We have a limited number of tickets for this performance. If you want to reserve tickets now, email Doug Pearson at [doug\\_pearson@comcast.net](mailto:doug_pearson@comcast.net).

**Tax Credit Donations Help our TVLC Kindergarten**

Arizona State tax credit donations given specifically to our school provide tuition grants for our kindergarten students. You can find out more by calling these organizations or going to their websites:

- ACSTO** (480) 820-0403 [www.acsto.org](http://www.acsto.org)
- IBE** (520) 512-5438 [www.IBEScholarships.org](http://www.IBEScholarships.org)

**2019-2020 TVLC Preschool/Kindergarten Registration**

Online registration will begin February 11th, at 7:00am for church families and families currently enrolled in TVLCP/K. Online registration will open for new families on February 18th at 7:00am. Please go to the website at [www.tvlcpreschool.com](http://www.tvlcpreschool.com) and follow the steps to register for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, call the school office at 749-1738

*January 2019*

**Saturday, January 5**

- Worship, Sanctuary, 5:00pm

**Sunday, January 6**

- Worship, Sanctuary, 8:00am
- Nursery Open, 8:45am-noon
- Library Open, 9:00-11:30am
- Worship, Sanctuary, 9:15am
- Elementary Sunday School, Sanctuary & Ed. Bldg, 9:15am
- NO Children's Choir Practice
- The Gathering Worship, NFLC, 10:30am
- Middle School Sunday School, Youth Room, 10:30am
- NO High School Youth Group

**Monday, January 7**

- Hearing Loss Support Group, Choir Room, 6:00pm
- AA, Library, 8:00pm

**Tuesday, January 8**

- Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, Cross & Cactus Café, 7:15am
- Women's Book Study, Cross & Cactus Café, 9:00am
- Library Open, 10am-noon
- GriefShare, Choir Room, 11:00am
- Merry Widows' Lunch, Trident Grill-Plaza Palomino, 12:30pm
- Knitting Fellowship, Library, 6:00pm
- GriefShare, Choir Room, 6:30pm
- Haiti Team Meeting, Linder Hall, 6:30pm
- Reformation Ringers, Sanctuary, 7:00pm

**Wednesday, January 9**

- Artists' Fellowship, Library, 9:00am
- Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study, Library, 6:30pm
- Middle School Confirmation Class, Youth Room, 6:30pm

**Thursday, January 10**

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:00pm

**Friday, January 11**

- Women's Bible Study, Linder Hall, 9:30am

**Saturday, January 12**

- Worship, Sanctuary, 5:00pm

**Sunday, January 13**

- Worship, Sanctuary, 8:00am
- Nursery Open, 8:45am-noon
- Library Open, 9:00-11:30am
- Worship, Sanctuary, 9:15am
- Elementary Sunday School, Sanctuary & Ed. Bldg, 9:15am
- Children's Choir Practice, Sanctuary, 10:30am
- The Gathering Worship and Potluck, NFLC, 10:30am
- Middle School Sunday School, Youth Room, 10:30am
- High School Youth & Parent Meeting, Youth Room, 6:00pm

**Monday, January 14**

- AA, Library, 8:00pm

*The next Church Council Meeting is on January 15th at 6:30pm.*



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*Highlights*

*January 5-6, 2019*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
for the Installation Service  
of Rev. Stephen Hilding  
as Associate Pastor of  
Tanque Verde Lutheran Church  
**Saturday, January 19th at 5:00pm**  
*Grand Canyon Synod Bishop  
Deborah Hutterer will be preaching.*

*Installation*



**Hearing Loss Support Group**

Did you know that TVLC has a support ministry for those with hearing issues. This group is open to all current hearing device users, as well as those experiencing hearing loss but not sure how to proceed. Anyone interested in learning more about

hearing loss for themselves, family or friends is welcome to join! There is much information and many resources to share!

The next gathering will be at **6:00pm this Monday, January 7th in the Choir Room**. Family, friends, neighbors...all are welcome to join in! Contact Doug Cain at [cainds2@comcast.net](mailto:cainds2@comcast.net) for any questions.



*Are you or someone you know in need of support through the grief of losing a loved one? The next sessions of GriefShare will begin this week on*

**Tuesday, January 8th and run through Tuesday, April 2nd.** Both sessions will meet in the Choir Room: 11:00am to 12:30pm and 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook. Participants need not be church members and may join either session at any time. For information on the morning group, call Florence Foster (749-3857) or for the evening group call Eunice Bradley-Fox (490-5664). GriefShare is offered at Christian churches throughout the country. To learn more, go to [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org).

**Tee Time is in Three Weeks!**

**Make it a Hole-in-One for Haiti!** Register today for our **Hole-In-One for Haiti Golf Outing** that will take place **Saturday, January 26th at Arizona National Golf Club**. The event will support our mission trip to Haiti in March. Cost is \$100 per person which includes 18-holes of golf, cart, rangeballs, and two drink tickets with a barbeque buffet lunch and raffle to follow. It will be a 4-person scramble and you can sign up as a team or as individuals. Hole sponsorships and raffle donations are welcomed. Visit the table on the patio or contact Pastor Josh for more information.



*FIFTEEN TWO FIFTEEN FOUR...A PAIR IS SIX, A RUN OF THREE FOR NINE  
LET'S GET READY, IT'S CRIBBAGE TIME!*

On **Saturday, February 23rd at 6:15pm**, we will gather in Linder Hall for a night of **Cribbage For Haiti!**

Come and join in on a relaxing, fun night of cribbage and fellowship to help support our Haiti Mission Team. Cribbage, food, beverages and fun for all ages. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Never played before?** The following website offers a good overview of the easy-to-learn game: <https://www.dummies.com/games/card-games/cribbage/the-basics-of-cribbage/>

Please contact Doug Cain at (520) 609-1233 or [cainds2@comcast.net](mailto:cainds2@comcast.net) for further information and to reserve your spot for the BIG GAME on February 23rd!

**The Annual Youth and School Rummage Sale is gearing up!** Our sale this year will be on **March 22nd and 23rd**.

**We are ready to accept donated items!** Bring your unwanted treasures to the church. For those who need help unloading, please bring your items between 8am and 12:00pm on Mondays and Tuesdays when helpers will be available.

**We are unable to accept car/truck tires and non-flat televisions & monitors.**



The weekly **Wednesday Night Bible Study** resumes this week on **January 9th from 6:30-8pm in the Library**. All are welcome! We will be studying the book of Amos. Join us for this exploration of an ancient book and its message for today. The Bible will be our focus, so bring one if you can (extra Bibles are available in the library). For any questions, please contact the church office.



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

All adults and their high school-aged youth and current 8th graders are invited to attend a special meeting at 6:00pm on

**Sunday, January 13th in the Youth Room** to find out "what's happening" this summer for our high school youth. Contact Aviry, the Director of Family Ministries by email at [avirychristy@tvlc.org](mailto:avirychristy@tvlc.org), or call him in the church office at (520) 749-1606 for more information.



**Join the Fun and Make a Difference: Help with the Sorting & Boxing of Rummage Items**

You can support our Youth ministries and the Preschool/Kindergarten and join with friends from TVLC and meet new people!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30am in the **Youth Room** for a "Back to the Fun" meeting with coffee and muffins.

*Then, beginning January 14th, meet on the NFLC Stage from 8am-12noon on Mondays and Tuesdays to sort, box, and store donated rummage items. There are tasks for all ages and abilities!*

**HOW:** Call Aviry Christy at (520) 749-1606, Donna Elmquist at (520) 603-2399 or Mari Eklund at (520) 870-1772 for all the details!

**RUMMAGE SALE DATES: March 22nd and 23rd**  
(We will need volunteers for the actual sale days as well!)



**Lunch and "All That Jazz"**

**Prime Timers (folks 50 and up)** will meet for lunch at Caffe Torino, 5605 East River Road, on **Sunday, January 20th** at 12:00 noon. Join us for live jazz music and fine Italian food in a casual setting. No pre-pay required for this event, however please call Shari at (520) 733-7452 in advance so she can give the restaurant a count. Great food plus a beautiful patio and fabulous music are sure to add up to a fun day! And if you need a ride, we'll "arrange" that, too!

**Merry Widows Luncheon**

The Merry Widows group will have their next luncheon **this Tuesday, January 8th at 12:30pm at Trident Bar and Grill** at Plaza Palomino, 2910 North Swan Road. All widows are invited. Please RSVP by Monday, January 7th to Fran McMullen at 749-4530.



**Do you have a NEW address, NEW phone number and/or NEW email address? Please notify the church office!**



The Sanctuary Altar Flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God by the people of TVLC

**The 2019 Book of Altar Flower Dedications is located in the Narthex.**

Sign up to dedicate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special, or in celebration of an anniversary or birthday. Each arrangement is a \$20 donation.

**Prayer List**

The following names are added this week:

*John Sundby, Amy Wacker, Beth McClellan, Dee Sundby, Monty Schultz*

*Prayer requests may be submitted to [prayer@tvlc.org](mailto:prayer@tvlc.org)*



*~ Scripture readings for the Baptism of Our Lord ~  
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

**Worship Service Attendance**

Weekend of December 29-30	
5:00pm.....	75
8:00am.....	33
9:15am.....	128
10:30am.....	55

Total 291

*To donate electronically, please go to [www.tvlc.org/give](http://www.tvlc.org/give)*



Our Mission: To Follow Christ Jesus and Share His Love

January 5, 2019 5:00 p.m. Service

Eve of the Epiphany of Our Lord \*Please stand if you are able

Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.

Please silence all electronic devices before worship begins. Guest attendance cards and prayer request cards are located in the pew racks. Please place your completed cards in the offering plate during the Offering.

- PRELUDE Lars Andersen, pianist
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
\*GREETING
\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
\*SONG "Here I Am to Worship"
\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible, p. 602
\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"
GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, p. 783
SERMON "Arise, Shine!" Pastor Josh Auchenbach
\*SONG "We Three Kings"
\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
\*SHARING OF THE PEACE
OFFERING "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" ELW #561, vs. 1-3
\*OFFERTORY PRAYER
\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION
\*LORD'S PRAYER
SHARING THE MEAL
\*COMMUNION MUSIC "Have Mercy On Me" "Father of Lights" Saturday Night Musicians
\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER
\*BENEDICTION
\*SENDING SONG "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW #671, st. 1-2
\*DISMISSAL
\*POSTLUDE

Jean Reehl, reader; Lars Andersen, pianist



Our Mission: To Follow Christ Jesus and Share His Love

January 6, 2019 8:00 a.m. Service

The Epiphany of Our Lord \*Please stand if you are able

Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.

Please silence all electronic devices before worship begins. Guest attendance cards and prayer request cards are located in the pew racks. Please place your completed cards in the offering plate during the Offering.

- PRELUDE "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" (D. Buxtehude)
\*GREETING
\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
\*OPENING HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come" ELW #314, st. 1-4
\*PRAYER OF THE DAY
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible, p. 602
\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Brightest and Best" ELW #303, st. 1
\*GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, p. 783
SERMON "Arise, Shine!" Pastor Josh Auchenbach
\*HYMN "We Three Kings"
\*APOSTLES' CREED ELW p. 105
\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
\*SHARING OF THE PEACE
OFFERING "Arise, Shine" (M. Haugen) Sherri McClellan, soloist
\*OFFERTORY PRAYER
\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION
\*THE LORD'S PRAYER
INVITATION TO THE TABLE
COMMUNION MUSIC "Lamb of God" ELW p. 154 (V. Cornevali) "Pastorale"
\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
\*BENEDICTION
\*SENDING HYMN "As With Gladness Men of Old" ELW #302, st. 1,3,4
\*DISMISSAL
\*POSTLUDE "In Quiet Joy" (M. Dupre)

Catherine McCord, reader; Lars Andersen, organist/pianist



Our Mission: To Follow Christ Jesus and Share His Love

January 6, 2019 9:15 a.m. Service

The Epiphany of Our Lord \*Please stand if you are able

Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.

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- PRELUDE "Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern" (D. Buxtehude)
\*ENTRANCE HYMN "As With Gladness Men of Old" ELW #302, st. 1,3,4
\*GREETING
\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHILDREN'S SERMON
READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible, p. 602
\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Brightest and Best" ELW #303, st. 1
GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, p. 783
SERMON "Arise, Shine!" Pastor Josh Auchenbach
\*HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come" ELW #314, st. 1-4
\*APOSTLES' CREED ELW p. 105
\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
\*SHARING OF THE PEACE
OFFERING "Arise, Shine" (M. Haugen) Sherri McClellan, soloist
\*OFFERTORY PRAYER
\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION
\*THE LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION MUSIC "Lamb of God" ELW p. 154 "We Three Kings" "Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW #765 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" ELW #479
\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER
\*BENEDICTION
\*SENDING HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW #671, st. 1-2
\*DISMISSAL
\*POSTLUDE "In Quiet Joy" (M. Dupre)

Ed Moore, assisting minister; Darin Osenberg, reader; Lars Andersen, organist/pianist



# THE GATHERING @ TVLC JANUARY 6, 2019

In this GATHERING, you are seen and loved. No matter who you are, you are accepted without condition and you belong here. In this GATHERING, our relationships will deepen - with both God and with each other. In this GATHERING, we acknowledge that there are different ways we connect with God in worship.



During the service, you will have the chance to participate in different experiential stations:  
*Candle Table* - Light a candle to claim Christ's light or to remember a loved one.  
*Baptismal Font* - Remember God's grace poured out to you through the waters of baptism.  
*Offering Basket* - Give an offering to support

God's work at TVLC and throughout the world. You can also give by going to [tvlc.org/give](http://tvlc.org/give) on your mobile device.

*Arts & Crafts Table* - Exercise your God-given creativity.

*Prayer Wall* - Write your own requests and lift up others' requests.

*Verses Table* - Pick a verse to meditate and reflect on.

*Service Table* - Contribute to an ongoing service project.



We've created spaces where younger worshipers may find comfort and a place just for them. *Infants* can find a spot on the "playground" where the play gyms and bouncy chairs have front row seats! *Toddlers* can belly up to a table on either side of the chairs, pull out their busy bag materials and get to work! *Kids and youth*

are encouraged to take an active role in worship leadership.

*Nursery care* is also available until noon for those who desire.

All are welcome to PARTICIPATE as assistants in the service. You can be a reader, usher, greeter or help in other ways. Please talk to Pastor Josh if you are interested in helping out!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCK - NEXT WEEK!

Sunday, January 13th will be our next 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck.

Bring a dish to share and stay after worship for food and fellowship! There's always enough for all!

Join "The Gathering@TVLC" on Facebook for all the latest news and updates at [facebook.com/thegatheringTVLC](http://facebook.com/thegatheringTVLC)

Josh Auchenbach, Lead Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor  
The Gathering Band with Alexis Burrows, Worship Leader

## JANUARY 6, 2019 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

*Jesus' birth is for all the world.*



### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men come to worship Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to the light
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:1-12	Paul's mission to the Gentiles
Wednesday	Daniel 2:17-49	Nebuchadnezzar's dream
Thursday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Friday	1 John 1:1-10	God is light
Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7	Prayer for a righteous king
Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:** [T]hat is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. - Ephesians 3:6

### PRAY, BLESS AND SING:

**A Prayer for the Week:** God of justice and strength, may we bring our lives before you with treasures of the heart just as the wise men came before Jesus with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Amen.

**Meatime Prayer:** Like Wise Men three from far away, we come to Christ with joy. To our Provider and our King, gifts of thanks and praise we bring! Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May God bless you and guide you to Christ today and fill you with joy and peace.

**Hymn of the Week:** *The First Noel*

**CARING CONVERSATIONS:** Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is the furthest you have traveled from home?
- What have you learned by traveling away from home?
- In the story of the wise men from the East coming to pay homage to baby Jesus, God is announcing that in God's Son, salvation is brought to all. How does God's action in Jesus help you look at and appreciate different customs and cultures you have seen?

**DEVOTIONS:** *Read: Ephesians 3:1-12.* This passage lifts up important themes for Epiphany Day. The Apostle Paul expresses humility at being included in God's plan of salvation, a plan that includes the Gentiles, therefore, all people of the earth. Just as the wise men from the East represent those people not from Israel, so God's love reaches far beyond any national boundary. For wise men to follow a star and reach Bethlehem, too, represents the greater mystery of God's work in a little one born to a peasant family to be worshiped by the rulers of the earth. The visit of the wise men changes everything. Strangers become family. Rulers are humbled. The humbled are exalted, and through the birth of Jesus, God's love reaches the ends of the world. Think about ways you have seen God's love reaching the ends of the earth today. **Pray:** *God of the nations, you unite all people of the earth through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to recognize in the face of others your saving work for all people. Give us hearts to share the mystery of your will and your love with all that you have made through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SERVICE:** In Matthew 2:9-11, the wise men followed a star and "when they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy" (vv. 9b-10). They entered the house where the star stopped and saw Mary and the child. They knelt, honored, and worshiped Jesus and gave him gifts. God guided the wise men to Jesus with a star. What guides you to Jesus today? Name ways you can be a "star" to guide others to Jesus through your actions and words.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:** Epiphany is an older tradition than Christmas for recognizing the birth of Jesus. Many places around the globe have some form of a Three King's Cake, an Epiphany cake or bread that is made to celebrate the visit of the wise men and honor Christ's birth. In the Spanish-speaking world it is called "Rosca de Reyes." Buy or make a Three King's Cake or bread and enjoy this treat as part of your Epiphany Day celebrations. © 2018 Milestones Ministry, LLC.

